PARTICULARS	MS	% age HSD
TAMIL NADU		
SALES TAX		
IRRECOVERABLE/NON RECOVERABLE:	24.00	18.00
ADDITIONAL TAX	3.00	3.00
PURCHASE TAX (INCLDG. TOT)	8.00	8.00
CST 4% WHERE APPLICABLE		
W. BENGAL		
SALES TAX	20.00	12.55
IRRECOVERABLE/NON RECOVERABLE:		
ADDITIONAL TAX	20.00	20.00
CST 4% WHERE APPLICABLE		

NOTES:

THERE IS A TAX REBATE OF Rs. 17/KL ON MS SALES IN WEST BENGAL

ABOVE DATA IS AS FURNISHED BY HPCL.

Setting-up of Supreme Court Benches in capital cities of the States

*238. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been actively considering to set-up regional benches of the Apex Court;

(b) if so, whether discussions with Supreme Court have been held in this regard and if so, their response thereto; and

(c) the time by when benches of the Supreme Court are likely to be set-up in the capital cities of the States?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) According to article 130 of the Constitution, "the Supreme Court shall sit in Delhi or in such other place or places as the Chief Justice of India may, with the approval of the President, from time to time, appoint."

The Chief Justice of India vide his letter dated 3rd Februaty, 2000 intimated that the Full Court considered the recommendation of the Parliamentary Standing Committee contained in its 56th report for setting up Benches of the Supreme Court of India in Southern, Western and North-Eastern

parts of the country and, after due deliberations, unanimously reiterated its earlier stand opposing the setting up of its Benches and Filing Section outside Delhi.

The Chief Justice of India, to whom the subsequent recommendation of the Parliamentary Committee contained in its 61st report was conveyed, has vide his letter dated 31st October, 2000 conveyed that the matter has been directed to be placed before the Full Court.

It is not feasible to indicate a time-frame for setting up Benches of the Supreme court outside Delhi.

Registration of the company involved in Sankhyavahini Project

*239. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the multinational company with which Government have entered into an agreement for Sankhyavahini Project was not registered in America till date of its entering into agreement;

(b) if so, the reasons for entering into agreement with the said company;

(c) whether Government contemplate to issue a white paper in this regard; and

(d) if not, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir. While a "Memorandum of Understanding " was signed with IU-Net, no legally binding agreement has been signed as yet.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Preservation of mortal remains of Prithviraj Chauhan

*240. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports about the finding of the mortal remains of Prithviraj Chauhan, the famous hero of Indian history; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to secure the custody and preservation of these mortal remains of great historical value to India?